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**Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail**

Patricia C. Fox  
Chief Executive Officer  
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Peoria  
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Re: FY12 Foster Care and Adoption Contracts

Dear Ms. Fox:

The Department of Children and Family Services is in receipt of your signed FY12 foster care and adoption contracts. Based on your agency's June correspondence to the Department, the statements made by your representatives at the June 20, 2011 meeting with representatives of the Department and the Attorney General's Office and the legal position your agency has taken and statements made in the initial Complaint and the Amended and Supplemental Complaint in the pending *Catholic Charities, et al. v. Madigan, et al.* litigation, the Department of Children and Family Services is unable to accept the offer and execute the contracts because your agency has made it clear that it does not intend to comply with the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act, 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq.* That law applies to foster care and adoption services. Thus, there is no meeting of the minds as to the FY12 Foster Care and Adoption Contracts.

Accordingly, the Department will be in contact with you regarding transitioning cases.

Sincerely,

Erwin McEwen  
Director

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